

NELSON REQUESTS
ANOTHER CHANCE

Admitting Defeat, Famous
Battler Is Confident He
Can Come Back.

LOSER ABSORBED
TERRIBLE BEATING

Dane Taking Baths Today, Is Al-
most Unable to See or
Speak.

EXPERTS EXPRESS
THEIR OPINIONS

Jimmy Coffroth—"Nelson's gone
back. He showed the effect of too
many ring beatings. He was poorly
handled by his seconds."

Jack Gleason—"Age told the
same old story."

Tex Rickard—"Wolgaast beat Nel-
son at his own game, and deserves
all credit. It was the greatest
lightweight battle ever fought."

Eddie Graney—"Nelson was
slower than old, but Wolgaast
earned the title. He is a wonder-
ful fighter."

Referee Eddie Smith—"I'd have
been a brute to have permitted the
fight to proceed."

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Feb. 22.—Bat-
tling Nelson offers \$10,000 cash bonus to
Ad Wolgaast, the lightweight champion of
the world, for a return battle, any time,
any place, and under any circumstances
that the champion may name.

Beaten to a standstill, put out stand-
ing up in the fortieth round of one of the
greatest battles in the history of the
prize ring last night, Battling Nelson
surrendered his title to a new man and
does not complain. But he demands that
Wolgaast make good on his assertion that
he will meet "any deserving light-
weight," and those who know Nelson's
wonderful record of thirteen years are
forced to admit that he is one of the
"deserving."

Nelson Never Outgamed.

Those who saw him beaten by Jimmie
Britt after he had lost to Joe Gans on a
foul in the forty-second round of a
grueling battle, and then saw him come
back to give Gans the beating of his
life, are inclined to believe that even
with the stamina and cleverness of the
new champion, Nelson would not be an
easy victim.

Wolgaast fought for his honors and
won them honestly. From start to finish
of the hour and fifty-seven minutes of
terrific fighting he outboxed and out-
generaled, but never outgamed Nelson.

For ten rounds before the referee lifted
the glove of the new champion there
was little doubt as to the outcome.
Still in the round before the close, when
Referee Smith stepped between the men
and asked if he would stop, Nelson, un-
able to speak, shook his head slowly
and staggered heavily around the referee
and lunged again at his antagonist. It
was a tragedy, but a tragedy well done.
All honor is accorded the new champion.
All honor is also accorded the old cham-
pion.

Dane's Spirit Unbroken.

In the baths here with his training
staff today Nelson is still almost un-
able to see or speak. Eyes cut and
swollen, nose broken, lips puffed, he in-
sists that under it all he is in good
condition, and the thousands at the
ring who saw him stand helpless and
almost unconscious, but still facing
blow after blow, know that his nerve
and his fighting qualities are unbroken.

Wolgaast, himself, showed appreciation
of this fact even when he had beaten
the champion into a condition of abso-
lute helplessness after the thirty-fifth
round, when the Battler was hardly
able to hold up his hands and could
only make a blow by swinging his
whole body with his arm and glove a
dead weight. Wolgaast stopped warily
and fought as carefully as he had in
the first. He was taking no chance of
a sudden return power which has al-
ways characterized the Dane, and
which his friends declare may yet
bring him back into the game a win-
ner.

Others maintain that Nelson is done.
They point to the fact that Wolgaast
has been beaten by both Tommy Mur-
phy and Owen Moran, and insist that if
he could lose to such men in the mid-
dle of his career, and then beat Nelson
decisively, that Nelson is not the man
he once was. But those who saw the
great battle and who saw Nelson fight
insist that it is not that Nelson is less,
but that Wolgaast is more.

Winner Is Versatile.

Wolgaast has a record of many victories,
though he made no great sensation
in the ring until the present time. But
Nelson himself was no wonder at the
start, and it may be that Wolgaast has
just reached his stride. Only a few
months ago he was fighting in the
featherweight class. Now 132 pounds is
his natural weight at the ringside. And
Wolgaast is a boxer. When science was
demanded he proved that he had it.
When the great Dane roughed it, Wol-
gaast roughed it. He butted and clinched

GALLAUDET MEN
TO BID FOR PRIZES

Strong Aggregation Entered
for Guard-M. A. C. Tour-
ney Tonight.

Manager Harry Gardner, of the Gal-
laudet College wrestling squad, expects to
send a strong aggregation of grapplers
to the National Guard-M. A. C.
preliminaries tonight at the Center
Market Armory.

The Kendall Green wrestlers have
been doing as well as can be expected
since the fire at the college. The fol-
lowing men will be at the meet to-
night:

Robert E. Conley, heavyweight class;
Gilbert O. Erickson, middleweight class;
G. H. Bailey and J. W. Gledhill, welter-
weight class; Baxter Mosey and F. M.
Walliday, lightweight class; L. P. Jones,
featherweight class; M. Lapides, bantam-
weight class; Gilbert Isackson, a
clever middleweight grappler, will be
opposed by a hard-fighting, but un-
derestimated, contender, the state of
preliminaries, as one of his lower ribs was
fractured some time ago while practicing.

Erickson is a veteran middleweight,
and the Gallaudet followers are de-
pendent upon him to make a good
showing tonight.

Wolgaast to Marry.

After the fight he joined his fiancée and
gave her the news of the victory himself.
She is Miss Eugenia Howes, a young
woman whom Wolgaast met last summer
in southern California.

The gross receipts of yesterday's bat-
tle amounted to \$37,500. Nelson re-
ceived \$12,500 and an extra \$1,000 for
traveling expenses. Wolgaast received
an additional \$1,000 for training ex-
penses, and \$1,500 for his end of the
fight. Nelson gets a share of the
pictures. More than 15,000 persons
saw the fight.

Commenting on the fight, Nelson
says he can turn the trick if given
another opportunity.

Wolgaast has a champion's punch.
He declared the Dane today: "There-
fore, how can he retain the title? I believe
I made the weight too soon and that
I was weaker than I had expected.
I wasn't in serious distress when Smith
stopped the fight, but was saving for
the final four rounds. I had expected
one punch which would turn the tide of
battle. I certainly want another chance
at Wolgaast."

Fight fans are very much divided in
their opinion of the battle. All agree
that it was the worst beating a man
has ever received in a California ring.

BATTLER'S PARENTS
ARE DOWNHEARTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—A celebration
that would have made history was to
be held in Hegewisch, twenty-six miles
from Chicago, today by the population
of the little burg which Battling made
famous, but instead the town is in
gloom over the defeat of its honorary
major.

Persons losing the name of being the
town where the champion lightweight
lives, a lot of money is being taken out
of the pockets of the battlers. Nearly
every man in town had bet on Nelson.
But none are so downhearted today as
the aged parents of the Battler, who
have spent their declining years in the
fighting game, and who have given their
son a fortune with money given them by
himself.

Johnson's father was unable to leave
home today. He is broken-hearted, and
says he thinks "Bat" would have won
had he been given the ringside to encourage
him. "My boy will not give up," he
said the father, almost crying. "He will
come back home and train, and go to it
again. A Nelson will never lay down
until he is helpless. No man is whipped
until he is knocked cold, and no man
ever did that to my son."

WASHINGTON MEN
ARE DISAPPOINTED

Washington athletes are sorely dis-
appointed today over their failure to
win in the big annual cross-country
run held at Briarwood yesterday, three
Baltimore men, Breyer, Elphinstone and
Lee, landing the places in the order
named.

Stecker, of the local Y. M. C. A., ran
just outside the money, getting fourth
place. It had been confidently expected
that at least two of the Washington
athletes would find places among the
first three.

In making the run, Breyer, who rep-
resents Johns Hopkins, clipped forty-
seconds off the previous record for the
distance, six and one-half miles.

HAYES GETS DECISION.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22.—Grover
Hayes, of Philadelphia, was awarded
the decision over Fighting Dick Hyland,
of Baltimore, at the end of their ten-
round battle at the Royal Athletic Club
last evening. Hayes proved altogether
the more clever of the two. He out-
pointed Hyland almost from the start.
Only in the second round did Hyland
show up his equal.

AD WOLGAST'S VICTORY
IS LESSON FOR JEFFRIES

Interesting Problems Arising From Defeat of Nelson.
Plenty of Dope But No Definite Answer—Con-
cerning Moran and Welsh.

WHAT FIGHTERS AND REFEREE
HAVE TO SAY ABOUT BIG BOUT

Wolgaast said:
"My fight today was like a train-
ing bout. Only once did he bother
me, and that was in the twenty-
second round. Nelson hurt me more
by hitting me than anything else,
and I felt funny for just a few
seconds. I cannot say anything as
to my future plans, but I am ready
to give deserving lightweights a
chance."

When Nelson was able to talk he
said:
"I am sorry they called the fight
off when they did. I think I could
have stayed the forty-five rounds,
but I have no complaint to make."

Referee Smith made the fol-
lowing statement:

"Wolgaast fought Nelson at his
own game and beat him fairly and
squarely. Nelson complained at
times of Wolgaast's hitting, but I
paid little attention, as it was sim-
ply the case of one battler getting
the worst of a game where both
were equally guilty."

"Both men fought the same, but
one had youth, the power to come
back, vigor, life, and all that goes
with it, while the thirteen years of
fighting through which Nelson had
gone had sapped his strength and
left him without the old snap, dash,
and stamina."

By THOMAS S. RICE.

It must give Jim Jeffries pause when
he reads today the account by rounds of
the fight in which Ad Wolgaast won the
world's lightweight championship yester-
day from Battling Nelson in forty
rounds at Richmond, Cal., just outside
of San Francisco.

Nelson had not been in a real cham-
pionship bout for eighteen months, but
in that time had fought five or six
bouts of minor importance which were
at least good enough to make him ex-
tend himself. Jeffries has not fought
since August 28, 1904, when he stowed
away Jack Munroe, a period of about
five and one-half years. Nelson gave
every evidence yesterday of having de-
teriorated in regard to punching power,
even if his staying powers were almost
superhuman. He was not the Nelson
of old, and when his blows did land they
failed to deliver the goods. Also his
judgment of distance could hardly have
been first class—one of the surest re-
sults of long layoffs on the part of a
boxer.

Proposition for Jeff.

New the proposition comes: If Nelson,
fighting occasionally in his eighteen
months as king of the lightweights, and
taking fairly good care of himself, went
back so far, what will be the condition
of Jim Jeffries when he meets Jack
Johnson next July 4, after a period of
inactivity which will have lasted nearly
six years? This question is going to be
the favorite theme of sporting conver-
sation from now until independence
day, and it would be well to think a
little before answering it right off the
bat.

The Jeffries contingent will make this
very point, and will say that he be-
came prominent in 1903, has taken as
much punishment as any man who ever
entered the ring, and that he has never
been weaker than I had expected. I
wasn't in serious distress when Smith
stopped the fight, but was saving for
the final four rounds. I had expected
one punch which would turn the tide of
battle. I certainly want another chance
at Wolgaast."

Fight fans are very much divided in
their opinion of the battle. All agree
that it was the worst beating a man
has ever received in a California ring.

On the other hand, Jeffries has never
been badly beaten, and his bouts have
been as much punishment as any man who
ever entered the ring. He has never been
weaker than I had expected. I wasn't
in serious distress when Smith stopped
the fight, but was saving for the final
four rounds. I had expected one punch
which would turn the tide of battle. I
certainly want another chance at Wol-
gaast."

There you are: The Dane fought
along just about as often enough, theo-
retically, but he has never been weaker
than I had expected. Jeffries will have
been out of the ring nearly six years, time
enough to make a grossly state, grossly
escaped serious damage to the body.
Pay your money and take your choice.

Johnson's Position.

Jack Johnson represents a peculiar
cross in conditions between Jeffries and
Nelson. Johnson has fought about often
enough to keep himself on edge, as has
Nelson, but the negro has likewise been
such a good defensive boxer that he has
seldom had to absorb more painful
swats than were good for his system.
The uncertainty about Johnson because
of his high living is what might be
called an extraneous element—it will be
of vast importance when he meets
Jeffries, but there is no way on earth
of figuring how much the negro has set
himself back in that matter. We are
simply pointing out the deductions to be
drawn from the Nelson-Wolgaast bout as
applicable to the coming battle with
the world's heavyweight champion.

Incidentally, let it not be forgotten in
figuring how much the negro has set
himself back that Johnson is a far
better defensive boxer than Nelson, and
granting that Jeffries has not drifted
backward in his long rest, that he
should have a much harder time hitting
the negro than Wolgaast had in landing
on the Dane, who will use up consid-
erable energy that Wolgaast did not have
to waste in going after his victim.

Verily, the more you think of it the
more you do not know where you stand
on that July affair, and the man who
bets enough to injure his financial
standing will deserve little sympathy.

A Punchless Champion.

Concerning our friend Wolgaast, it
must be said that he is somewhat of a

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